

House Study Bill 749

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to carrying a portable device or weapon directing
2 an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam that produces a
3 high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a person and making
4 penalties applicable.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
6 TLSB 5590HC 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 724.4, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. For purposes of this section,
1 4 "dangerous weapon" includes any portable device or weapon
1 5 directing an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam that
1 6 produces a high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a person.
1 7 EXPLANATION
1 8 Current law provides that a person who goes armed with a
1 9 dangerous weapon concealed on or about the person commits an
1 10 aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by confinement for no more
1 11 than two years and a fine of at least \$625 but not more than
1 12 \$6,250, unless the person possesses a valid permit to carry
1 13 weapons. The bill provides that a "dangerous weapon" includes
1 14 any portable device or weapon directing an electric current,
1 15 impulse, wave, or beam that produces a high-voltage pulse
1 16 designed to immobilize a person.
1 17 A person may apply for either a professional or
1 18 nonprofessional permit to carry weapons. A person shall not
1 19 be issued either a professional or nonprofessional permit to
1 20 carry weapons unless the person is 18 years of age or older,
1 21 has never been convicted of a felony, is not addicted to the
1 22 use of alcohol or any controlled substance, has no history of
1 23 repeated acts of violence, has never been convicted of any
1 24 crime defined in Code chapter 708, except "assault" as defined
1 25 in Code section 708.1 and "harassment" as defined in Code
1 26 section 708.7, and the issuing officer reasonably determines
1 27 that the applicant does not constitute a danger to any person.
1 28 An applicant shall also complete the proper application and
1 29 must pass a criminal background check. A person who knowingly
1 30 makes a false statement of material fact on an application for
1 31 a permit to carry weapons commits a class "D" felony,
1 32 punishable by confinement for no more than five years and a
1 33 fine of at least \$750 but not more than \$7,500.
1 34 LSB 5590HC 82
1 35 rh/rj/14